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| ATSUSHI OHTANI ET AL. |) | Examiner: Ngoc Yen T. Vu |
| Application No.: 08/878,581 |) | Group Art Unit: 2612 |
| Filed: June 19, 1997 |) | |
| For: IMAGE SENSING APPARATUS |) | May 12, 2003 |

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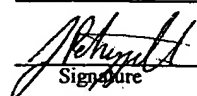
In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

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The concise statements of relevance for the non-English documents are as follows.

In document 1-167766, it is mentioned that yellow and green LEDs are simultaneously lit in order to obtain a sufficient white/red contrast ratio.

Document 4-18849 describes lighting a light source which is different from a light source which is lit during the reading out of an image signal as a dummy in at least one or more light accumulating periods preceding reading out of the image signal in order to compensate for the delay of output voltage of a CCD image sensor.

In document 4-368055, it is mentioned that each LED, namely R, G, and B, are lit in order in performing color reading and each LED, R, G, and B are lit at the same time in performing black and white reading.

In document 6-181506, it is mentioned that the lighting time of each LED R, G, and B lit in order are independently set.

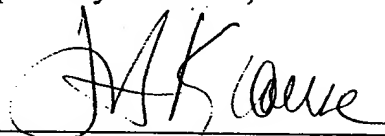
Applicants are in the process of preparing English translations of these references and will submit them as soon as possible.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. K. O'Neil", written over a horizontal line.

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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

| DOCUMENT NUMBER | DATE | COUNTRY | CLASS | SUBCLASS | TRANSLATION YES/NO/ OR ABSTRACT |
|--------------------|-----------------|--------------|-------|----------|---------------------------------------|
| 1-167766 | 11/27/89 | Japan | | | No |
| 6-181506 | 06/28/94 | Japan | | | No |
| 4-368055 | 12/21/92 | Japan | | | No |
| 4-18849 | 01/23/92 | Japan | | | No |
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OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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